

Jared Lipton
Environment and Sustainability Manager
NSW Electricity Networks Operations Pty Limited
Sent via Major Projects Portal only
04/03/2026

Subject: Project EnergyConnect (NSW – Eastern Section) - Biodiversity EMP Sub-Plan

Dear Mr Lipton,

I refer to the Biodiversity EMP Sub-Plan (Revision 5) submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (the Department) in accordance with conditions B1, B2 and C26 of Schedule 2 of the infrastructure approval for Project EnergyConnect (NSW – Eastern Section) (SSI- 9172452).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it meets the requirements of the relevant conditions of approval (SSI- 9172452).

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Biodiversity EMP Sub-Plan (Revision 5 dated 26 May 2025).

The Biodiversity EMP Sub-Plan will need to be revised:

- following the finalisation of the Verification Report (as required by SSI-9172452-PA-84); and
- to include the improvement recommendations outlined in the *Project EnergyConnect – East, Biodiversity Technical Specialist Audit Report* (February 2025).

Please advise the Department of the timing for the proposed revision and submission of the Biodiversity EMP Sub-Plan.

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Biodiversity EMP Sub-Plan and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Katie Weekes on 4927 3223.

Yours sincerely,



Nicole Brewer
Director
Energy Assessments
As nominee of the Planning Secretary